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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or

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fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. However, since a Statement can be made, a Statement is submitted herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of Communications from foreign patent offices in a counterpart application citing such documents (Chinese Office Action dated February 22, 2008 and Japanese Office Action dated March 26, 2008), together with English-language versions (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communications indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent offices. English abstracts are also submitted herewith for at least some of the references (JP-A-2002-361340, JP-A-2001-90739, and JP-A-11-201173) and also constitute a concise explanation of relevance. A partial translation for JP-U-54-141436 is also provided.

Further, it is respectfully noted that four (4) references cited in the Chinese Office Action (JP-A-2002-130590, JP-A-9-68231, JP-A-2001-263580 and JP-A-9-317778) and one (1) reference cited in the Japanese Office Action (JP-A-9-317778) were previously listed on the PTO/SB/08 form submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 28, 2005, along with copies of the foreign references.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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